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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 3

#### SLAVERY AND TRAFFICKING PREVENTION ORDERS

### PART 3

#### SUPPLEMENTARY

*Supply of information to relevant Northern Ireland departments, Secretary of State, etc.*

**18.—**(1) This paragraph applies to information notified to the police under paragraph 10(1), 11(1) or 12(1).

(2) The Chief Constable may, for the purposes of the prevention, detection, investigation or prosecution of offences under this Schedule, supply information to which this paragraph applies to—

- (a) a relevant Northern Ireland department,
- (b) the Secretary of State,
- (c) a person providing services to a relevant Northern Ireland department or the Secretary of State in connection with a relevant function,

for use for the purpose of verifying the information.

(3) In relation to information supplied to any person under sub-paragraph (2), the reference to verifying the information is a reference to—

- (a) checking its accuracy by comparing it with information held—
  - (i) in the case of a relevant Northern Ireland department or the Secretary of State by that department or the Secretary of State in connection with the exercise of a relevant function, or
  - (ii) in the case of a person within sub-paragraph (2)(c), by that person in connection with the provision of services as mentioned there, and
- (b) compiling a report of that comparison.

(4) Subject to sub-paragraph (5), the supply of information under this paragraph is to be taken not to breach any restriction on the disclosure of information (however arising).

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(5) This paragraph does not authorise the doing of anything that contravenes [F1the data protection legislation ] .

(6) This paragraph does not affect any power to supply information that exists apart from this paragraph.

(7) In this paragraph—

“relevant Northern Ireland department” means the Department for Employment and Learning, the Department of the Environment, the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety or the Department for Social Development;

“relevant function” means—

- (a) in relation to the Department for Employment and Learning, a function relating to employment or training,
- (b) in relation to the Department of the Environment, a function under Part 2 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981;
- (c) in relation to the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, a function relating to health or social care;
- (d) in relation to the Department for Social Development, a function relating to social security or child support;
- (e) in relation to the Secretary of State, a function relating to passports or the [F2Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority] .

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in [Sch. 3 para. 18\(5\)](#) substituted (25.5.2018) by [Data Protection Act 2018 \(c. 12\)](#), s. 212(1), [Sch. 19 para. 195](#) (with ss. 117, 209, 210); S.I. 2018/625, reg. 2(1)(g)
- F2** Words in [Sch. 3 para. 18\(7\)](#) substituted (12.7.2016) by [Immigration Act 2016 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 94(1), [Sch. 3 para. 36](#); S.I. 2016/603, reg. 3(u)

#### Commencement Information

- I1** [Sch. 3 para. 18](#) in operation at 27.11.2015 for specified purposes by [S.R. 2015/376, art. 2](#)
- I2** [Sch. 3 para. 18](#) in operation at 1.4.2016 in so far as not already in operation by [S.R. 2016/61, art. 2](#)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 18(10A) inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 28\(5\)](#)